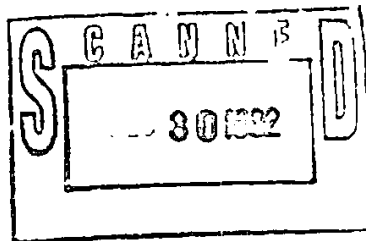


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Dear Mr. Correll:

Thank you for your December 11 letter to Under Secretary Kanter providing the National Science Foundation's views regarding the export of a Cray Y-MP R92 computer to the Chinese State Meteorological Administration. We are aware of the NSF's active participation in the U.S.-China Protocol for Cooperation in the Field of Atmospheric Science and Technology. Your letter supports the Cray export to the extent it would further bilateral cooperation in the areas of atmospheric research and weather forecasting and suggests that there might be direct financial and efficiency benefits to bilateral research derived from the export.

Cray's application for an export license for the computer is still under consideration in the interagency context. The NSF's views have been introduced into the consideration process.

Sincerely,

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